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Markmann et al.)) Examiner: Ahmed, S.
Serial No. 09/701,501)
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For: Novel Linoleum Structure and Method for Producing Same)

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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Final Office Action mailed February 27, 2006, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment and reconsideration in view of the remarks below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

Conclusion is on page 12 of this paper.

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